

Libya. After being promoted to Colonel in 1996, he was assigned to the National Security Agency as Deputy Chief of the Office of Global Response.

After 30 years of active service, Col. Reaney retired in February 2000. Just a few months later, in April, he was appointed Executive Director of Feeding the Gulf Coast. Formerly known as the Bay Area Food Bank, Feeding the Gulf Coast is responsible for serving a 24-county area including south Alabama, south Mississippi, and the Florida panhandle. The organization operates multiple nutrition programs and distributed over 20 million pounds of food in 2015.

Under his leadership, Feeding the Gulf Coast reached new heights and achieved major milestones. The organization moved into a new facility, increased distribution from 4 to over 21 million pounds of food annually, acquired nine refrigerated delivery vehicles, developed afterschool snack and summer lunch programs for children at over 215 locations, and constructed a new branch warehouse in Milton, Florida. Col. Reaney also oversaw the organization's disaster response to Hurricane Ivan, Hurricane Katrina, and the Gulf Coast oil spill.

Col. Reaney has a long list of personal achievements throughout his years of military and humanitarian service. He is a 1999 inductee into the Officer Candidate School Hall of Fame at Fort Benning, Georgia and a 2001 inductee into the University of South Alabama ROTC Department Hall of Fame. His fifteen military service awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit and the Defense Meritorious Service Medal. He has also served on the board of the Mobile Area Chamber of Commerce, as well as past president of both the Alabama Food Bank Association and the Florida Association of Food Banks. Additionally, he played a critical part in the establishment of Alabama Lieutenant Governor Kay Ivey's "End Child Hunger" task force.

So on behalf of Alabama's First Congressional District, I wish Colonel Dave Reaney and his wife, Monika, all the best upon his retirement. And, on behalf of a grateful nation, I share our appreciation and gratitude for his years of service and sacrifice.

THE PASSING OF LUKE TATSU JOHNSON

HON. ALAN S. LOWENTHAL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 6, 2016

Mr. LOWENTHAL. Mr. Speaker, the unique middle name Tatsu proved to be a fitting moniker for Luke Tatsu Johnson. The tatsu, or dragon, is a centuries old mythical creature of great wonder, bravery, and strength. Throughout his extraordinary life, Luke consistently demonstrated his own special type of courage, power, and excellence. As a loving son and older brother, loyal friend, accomplished student and athlete, all-around young man of solid character, and ultimately, brave cancer patient, Luke filled his life with meaning and grace.

Luke was always an active kid—he loved being outdoors doing just about anything with family and friends. Over time, the video game

consoles gathered dust while Luke played organized baseball, flag football, soccer, and golf, participated in Junior Lifeguards and the Stud Ironman, engaged in backyard competitions with his brother Spencer, went skiing, boogie boarding, and bike riding, and enjoyed the big, small town atmosphere of Alamitos Heights and Long Beach. Some of Luke's passions occasionally kept him indoors—mom's cooking, sushi, and sports TV, especially if his beloved Angels or Chargers were playing.

Luke held himself to high standards and achieved success in his many endeavors. He was a straight A student since grade school, including his freshman and sophomore years in high school studies—which he completed while enduring often difficult chemotherapy regimens. During his two periods of remission, Luke worked tirelessly on his golf game. He enjoyed long hours at the driving range and on the course alongside his father and brother. In April of 2015, while still regaining strength after his initial treatment, Luke made a hole-in-one on a family outing in Northern California. In the greenside photo commemorating that moment, Luke stands ball in hand, bathed in sunlight, shining his familiar winning smile.

Luke faced his illness with the same determination and strength of character with which he pursued all of his challenges. Through months of hospital stays, difficult treatments, and intermittent setbacks, Luke continued to push ahead and never lost touch with his true nature and he remained the great kid—full of good cheer, quick to smile, concerned about others, close to his parents and Spencer—that he had always been.

Luke's story inspired a broad array of supporters—Team Luke—which included friends, teammates, and relatives as well as celebrities and PGA stars. It is in and through this team that loved him that Luke's unique spirit will continue to soar, like a tatsu, as a source of courage and grace.

TRIBUTE TO ALPHA DELTA KAPPA INTERNATIONAL HONORARY ORGANIZATION FOR WOMEN EDUCATORS

HON. MO BROOKS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 6, 2016

Mr. BROOKS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the Alpha Delta Kappa International Honorary Organization for Women Educators on sixty-nine years of dedicated service, and proclaim October 2016 as Alpha Delta Kappa Month. Established in 1947, Alpha Delta Kappa's goals are to institute high standards of education, recognize outstanding educators, build a fraternal fellowship among educators and promote educational and charitable projects, enriching the lives of individuals everywhere.

With a membership of more than 33,000 educators representing all fifty U.S. states, Puerto Rico, Canada, Mexico, Jamaica, and Australia, Alpha Delta Kappa is committed to educational excellence, personal and professional growth, and collectively channeling their energies toward the good of their schools, communities, the teaching profession, and the world.

Women in education constitute a great portion of America's workforce and are constantly striving to serve their communities and America in educational, cultural, and charitable programs leading to harmony, happiness, and peace among all people.

Over the last two years alone, members of Alpha Delta Kappa have altruistically given to the communities they serve by raising nearly \$12 million and volunteering more than two million service hours. Alpha Delta Kappa members biennially award more than a quarter million dollars through eleven scholarship programs and have contributed more than \$1 million to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee.

I congratulate Alpha Delta Kappa International Honorary Organization for Women Educators on their many years of unparalleled success and wish them well as they continue to educate our children.

RECOGNIZING KNOEBELS AMUSEMENT RESORT UPON THE OCCASION OF THEIR 90TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 6, 2016

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, it's my honor to recognize Knoebels Amusement Resort in Elysburg upon the occasion of their 90th anniversary. Since 1926, this multigenerational, family-owned and operated business has been America's largest free-admission park, and continues today as a world-renowned attraction that has stayed true to its family-focused roots for nearly a century.

Originally known as "Peggy's Farm," the land that is now Knoebels was passed down from owner to owner until 1828 when Reverend Henry Hartman Knoebel purchased the property for \$931. Reverend Knoebel's grandson, Henry, who was commonly known as "Ole Hen," began selling soft drinks and ice cream to the families that would come for picnics on the property. In 1926, Ole Hen added a restaurant, carousel, games, and a pool to officially mark the beginning of Knoebels Amusement Park. Various rides and amusements were added to the park throughout the years to bring the current total to 63, including six roller coasters, two water rides, two miniature railways, a golf course, and several restaurants.

I've enjoyed family outings to the park, just like thousands of my constituents and visitors from around the world, and can attest firsthand to the welcoming atmosphere and family-friendly style that has made Knoebels one of America's best amusement parks. With a commitment to the family's overall vision, it is no wonder that Amusement Today and organizations such as American Coaster Enthusiasts and the International Association of Amusement Parks and Attractions have recognized the park with various awards throughout the years. In 2014, the Travel Channel named Knoebels as one of their Top 10 Family Friendly Amusement Parks in the United States.

Mr. Speaker, it's my honor to recognize Knoebels Amusement Resort in Elysburg upon the occasion of their 90th anniversary. "Make

new memories the old fashioned way” is their slogan that is in action every day, and I am confident that the park will be enjoyed by families visiting Pennsylvania’s 11th Congressional District for years to come. I wish the Knoebels all the best as they continue to operate a resort where families can go to create lasting memories and share in the spirit upon which the property was founded.

IN RECOGNITION OF TEEN SERVE
CAMP HELPING OUT IN STERLING
PARK

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 6, 2016

Mr. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to acknowledge Teen Serve Camp, namely, the 264 teenagers who recently banded together to serve the community in Sterling’s Gwen Thompson Briar Patch Park. I would like to personally commend these young volunteers who so selflessly dedicated themselves to providing service and “life-giving” to those in the Loudoun community without asking anything in return. These notable young men and women truly embody the very best of our nation’s values through their service to the community and their commitment to the betterment of others’ lives.

The Teen Serve Camp has increased its services exponentially since its formation in 2011, growing from just 17 teenagers into a total of nearly 1,000 middle and high schoolers. Spending their precious time over summer vacation, students serve their neighbors through various tasks to help raise awareness and funds for local and national charities. The services these campers provide to others extend far beyond the call to action.

Mr. Speaker, it brings me immense pride to recognize such a fine group, and I sincerely hope that we all can live up to their tremendous example. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Teen Serve Camp in Sterling. I wish them all the best and hope that they remain a positive example of service to the community.

HONORING MS. DENISE KELLER

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 6, 2016

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Denise Keller, who is being honored today by the Napa County Office of Education as a 2017 Napa County Teacher of the Year.

Ms. Keller completed her Bachelor of Art in Sociology at Sonoma State University, before going on to earn her Social Studies Education Specialist Credential at San Francisco State University. She began her career working as a Special Day Class Teacher in the West Contra Costa Unified School District, and then transitioned to working as a Resource Specialist for the Elk Grove Unified School District. In 2004, Ms. Keller joined American Canyon Middle School as a Resource Specialist, and began teaching 6th Grade Social Studies in 2010.

In her classroom, Ms. Keller brings history to life and encourages her students to appreciate the relevance of our past to their lives today. She employs her extensive knowledge of project-based learning to engage her students in the classroom and instill a passion for learning.

Furthermore, Ms. Keller has taken on many new challenges to support students and her colleagues at American Canyon Middle School. She serves as the yearbook advisor, encouraging students’ creativity and leadership. Ms. Keller also chairs the Social Studies Department and is the 6th Grade Team Leader, coordinating and supporting the work of faculty.

Mr. Speaker, Denise Keller is a dedicated teacher who uses her time and knowledge to inspire young students to strive for excellence, and it is therefore fitting and proper that we honor her here today.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE CITY OF
HANFORD, CALIFORNIA

HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 6, 2016

Mr. VALADAO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the City of Hanford, California and honor the one hundred and twenty fifth anniversary of its founding.

The city’s humble beginnings began in 1877 when the Southern Pacific Railway began construction of a rail line which passed through what is now the City of Hanford. Within a short time, and with the railway’s support, Hanford grew from a small settlement to a prominent trading center in the area. Hanford, California was officially incorporated in August of 1891.

Over the course of the past century, Hanford has seen many changes and has faced its fair share of challenges, including fires in 1887 and 1891 which destroyed most of the downtown area. However, because of the determination of its citizens, Hanford would go on to rebuild and thrive. Today, the city boasts over fifty thousand residents, a revitalized and prospering downtown area, and a vibrant and diverse economy.

As a resident of Hanford, I have seen firsthand the sense of community and the willingness to help each other that makes our town a wonderful place to live and raise a family. I am proud to call Hanford my home.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the City of Hanford’s one hundred and twenty fifth Anniversary and to wish the community all the best in the future.

TRIBUTE TO NORA EVERETT

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 6, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and recognize Principal Financial Group, Inc. President of Retirement and Income Solutions Nora Everett for being named a 2016 Women of Influence honoree

by the award-winning central Iowa publication, Business Record.

For 17 years, the Business Record has undertaken an exhaustive annual review to identify a standout group of women who have made a significant difference in business, civic and philanthropic endeavors throughout the Greater Des Moines Area. Ms. Everett has devoted her life to confronting challenges which many others might avoid. She has spent countless hours on various boards while blazing a trail for others to follow. She was selected for the chosen field of expertise, the lasting impact on the community, involvement with civic or non-profit organization and being seen as a role model because of her lofty achievements and high ethical standards.

Nora Everett has the determination and drive to be successful in anything she does and her exemplary work with the Principal Financial Group, Inc. She is an integral component of one of Iowa’s largest and most successful employers, building a long and illustrious career with The Principal Financial Group, Inc., based in Des Moines, Iowa. In all aspects of her life, Nora Everett is an example of hard work and service who makes Iowans proud.

Mr. Speaker, it is a profound honor to represent leaders like Nora Everett in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize and applaud her for utilizing her talents to better both her community and the great state of Iowa. I invite my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating Nora Everett on receiving this esteemed designation, thanking those at Business Record for their great work, and wishing Ms. Everett a long and successful career.

RECOGNIZING BOYER’S FOOD MARKETS
UPON THE OCCASION OF
THEIR 67TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 6, 2016

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, it’s my honor to recognize Boyer’s Food Markets upon the occasion of their 67th Anniversary. Boyer’s is a full service supermarket chain in Northeastern Pennsylvania that provides my constituents with an easy-in easy-out, no hassle experience. Customer service is the foundation of Boyer’s success and the employees pride themselves on personal connections, copying the days when local corner stores knew each customer by name and were as much a part of the community as the people they served.

In 1949, Harold S. Boyer opened his first corner store in Orwigsburg and since then has expanded the chain to 18 stores across Northeastern Pennsylvania, including locations in Hazleton, Elysburg, Berwick, Lykens, and Mt. Carmel within my congressional district. Their famed “Red Shirt Service” takes its name from the red shirt and black pants uniforms that employees wear in order to be visible to shoppers. They pride themselves on providing unique and local service in each store while having the “friendliest, most helpful, and knowledgeable teammates.” Such outstanding service speaks not only to the commitment of the employer, but also to the strength of every